

**ABSTRACT**

A printed circuit board adapted for prototyping comprises a processor module, a section reserved for an I/O module to be added at a later time, a first and a second connector, a bridge circuit and a secondary bus. The secondary bus provides a communication path between the processor module and the I/O module that is to be added at a later time. The second connector is coupled to the secondary bus to enable a separate I/O card to be connected to the printed circuit board and to serve temporarily as the I/O module of the board. This permits prototyping in the absence of an I/O module in the second portion of the board.

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